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My comments on the settlement are as follows:

I work in IT - in a Microsoft NT/2000 environment. I have read the news of the settlement and briefly looked at the documents on your website. Working in the industry, I am witness to the lack of choice, or hurdles that need to be jumped to choose alternate operating systems & browsers. Netscape, Linux, Unix, MacOS, BeOS, Sun, Oracle & Novell should all be alternatives to Microsoft & their OEMs.

Microsoft marketing wants us to believe they need "the freedom to innovate" and this anti-trust lawsuit is a infringement on their free market business. On the contrary, I feel this is more analogous to the railroad & oil empires of the 19th century. The first to dominate had free reign until they were regulated & rectified by the government.

I would hope that the DOJ Antitrust division would take this opportunity to re-evaluate their original settlement and propose a new settlement that would allow innovative people like Bill Gates & Steve Jobs to start a business in their garages & be able to take on giants like IBM and surpass them in technology.

Now that's freedom to innovate - we need a level playing field. It's what America is all about!

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